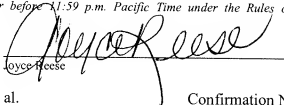


**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
FROM THE OFFICE ACTION**

PATENT

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Applicant : Blake Ming Qi Dong, et al. Confirmation No. 3296
Application No. : 09/944,534
Filed : August 31, 2001
Title : A METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR THE CONTROL AND
DISTRIBUTION OF VALUE BEARING ITEMS IN A PC POSTAGE
SYSTEM
Grp./Div. : 3628
Examiner : Shannon S. Saliard
Docket No. : 47013/S850

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Commissioner:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner to extend the time for response to the Office action dated November 19, 2007 for two month(s) from February 19, 2008 to April 19, 2008.

The fee for extension of time required by 37 CFR § 1.17 is calculated below.

FEE CALCULATION			
LENGTH OF EXTENSION	SMALL ENTITY	LARGE ENTITY	FEE
WITHIN FIRST MONTH	\$ 60.00	\$ 120.00	\$
WITHIN SECOND MONTH	\$ 230.00	\$ 460.00	\$460.00
WITHIN THIRD MONTH	\$ 525.00	\$1,050.00	\$
WITHIN FOURTH MONTH	\$ 820.00	\$1,640.00	\$
WITHIN FIFTH MONTH	\$1,115.00	\$2,230.00	\$

Submitted herewith is a check for \$460.00 to cover the cost of the extension.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 03-1728. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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